Probation program underway
Created to provide help for academically challenged

Editor's note: The following article is a rewrite and adaptation of Richard D. Knott's article, "Probation Underway," published in The Daily Collegian at Oklahoma State University, Feb. 15, 1994. Your advisor hands you your midterm grades.
You turn your back to your friends as you focus on the letters printed in the middle of the slip a paper.
You then throw the paper, feeling yourself that there must be some mistake.
A printing error. Perhaps your advisor mistakenly handed you your roommate's grades.
Then you see your name.
Your stomach turns around. It's too fast to happen to you.
You are ashamed, embarrassed, humiliated.
Academic probation could ruin your future, and...as you know, only idiots end up on academic probation.
Your parents, who once thought you were brilliant, now stare at you with dance caps in their eyes.
Your mother cries, seeing the future of her own bright son go down the tubes. Maybe he can become a fly cook at the Twinman.
Your father gets pale and the dance caps go into dollar signs.
They want and probably deserve an explanation. You can't tell them about your courtship, at Characters or your worries at the darknight.
You can't tell them that you cut classes to watch "The Young and the Restless" to see who made Nikki pregnant.
You definitely can't tell them you smuggled what's left of your dates back into your book bag.

Nature's an excellent teacher. All you need to do with your book bag is turn it off to your parents. Naturally you blame your failure on everything and everybody besides yourself.
However, now you know that it's really your fault.
You think of other alternatives rather than attending NBU. You have failed so you must alter your plans. Suddenly, the idea of becoming a garbage man looks appealing, or you consider Beauty College.
You know your personal tragedy will not keep you from doing good work.
Finally, you realize that you are trying to run away from your future. You have failed.
"F"s are not pleasant, but they serve as great motivation. Let's fact it. If you continue to do "F" level work, you will eventually fail the class which could lead to academic probation and, in subsequent semesters, academic probation which means you are out of school for at least a semester.
The factor of shame could also motivate you. Your be-cher in a doctor, your sister in a lawyer and you could be serving ice cream at Ben and Jerry's for the next 20 years if you do not rectify the situation.
No one is saying that you are not intelligent. You were probably just lucky.
Now, you have learned a valuable lesson. This college is not all work and fun it is work.
It is time to do something about your failure before it is too late. Remember your mistakes and learn from them.
It is possible that this "F" at midterm will be more of a valuable learning experience than anything you have ever made. It has caused you to consider the value of an education. (Why do you think your parents are willing to sacrifice their hard earned money on your education?)
According to an 1999 U.S. Department of Commerce report the "mean annual income of persons aged 16 years or more of college was $50,589. The mean income of college dropouts was $34,677." Figures on the 25 year career translated into $400,000 more for the person with a college degree.
Remember your alternatives is you do not have a college education. Pick yourself up, put your pride to the go to class and stick your nose in your books.
Let's look at what can be done to salvage the semester. You have hopefully learned to manage your time.
First go to the instructor's office. Go to the instructor's office before you start to panic. Give the "F" and "D's" and find out what the problem is and what you can do to salvage your grade.
If you don't contact them, they will assume you don't care and...as you can guess, they are extremely busy and do not have the time to seek you out.
If there is any extra credit work or work that you can make up.
If there is a class that you can not actually make up in, consider dropping the class (or more than one, it is the last class you can drop without evaluations for a grade).
In other semesters be very familiar with the last drop date. Evaluate which means that you can get a failing grade, but if you drop it before this date, it will not hurt your grade point average.
When doing this, be aware of the 2 credit hour minimum required by housing, financial aid, veteran's benefits, etc.
Failing below these requirements could adversely affect financial aid and you receive this year.
Perhaps lack essential study skills, NBU offers aid to all students.

Crime scenes sketch course uses computers

Computerized learning is gaining popularity in producing computer assisted crime scene sketches in the Crime Scene Laboratory.
The two day course will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Monday, Oct. 14, in room 219 of Atwood Hall.
Leonard Baughman, drafting instructor will teach the class.
The course is designed for police officers, criminal justice students, and other students who want to learn the basics of computerized crime scene sketching.
The course is a non-credit course which means there will be no tests and no grades given.
Students can enroll for the entire first two nights of class.
"We would like to encourage anyone with an interest in crime scene sketching who would like to learn computerized crime scene sketching," said Baughman.
Anyone wanting further information should contact Leonard Baughman at ext. 228, or University of Oklahoma at ext. 236.
Opinion

Rodeoing remains very dangerous

Is it all fame and glory? Maybe, but it's a dangerous sport. Perhaps the most dangerous sport of all time.

What sport am I talking about? None other than the rodeo. One doesn't think about all the time and effort that must go into the sport. The long hours practicing, the disappointments, the injuries, the long distances and the countless time spent on the road and all for what?

Money? Endorsements? Prizes, such as trucks and ladies? Or even the chance to be the best?

The costs can also be high. A person pays to enter the rodeo, then travels great distances at times and may even have to take off from work at their regular job to partake in rodeos and what happens if they lose? They're out of money. Plain and simple.

Losing, however, is usually the last of a cowboy or cowgirl's worries.

They could be considered lucky. They walk away without any injuries. The only thing that might hurt is their pride.

What about the ones who aren't? They not only lose money, but they also may lose their job as well. Losing as it is not unheard of in this world.

I once had a friend who was a bull rider, which is the most dangerous job of all. He was bucked off.

The bull came after him while he was still on the ground and bucked him in the face. He was knocked down and out of the rodeo.

Rodeoing remains very dangerous.

Abortion issue sensitive for everyone concerned

Is abortion right or wrong? That is not for me to decide because personally I don't know. I do know what I feel and I feel that morally it is not right. I'm not going to get into a debate over this. If you do not agree with what I am about to say, then that is your choice, but at least read what I have to say.

Think about it. Before Roe Vs. Wade, abortion was illegal. It also gave us the God-like power to terminate life, and who are we to determine if a baby lives or dies? I think we have messed up the power that we have been given.

Abortion is a sensitive issue for everyone concerned.

Commentary

Personally, I feel there is no reason for an abortion, but I guess that if someone was raped, or the baby might die, or the mother might die, then there might be a reason for an abortion. If surgeons are too lazy or a little careless with their conscience.

Books important to society

When you get the chance to sit down and relax, what is it that you normally do? Flip on the TV to the nearest football game or soap opera?

In today's society we rely too much on people to entertain us. The programmes are where one person's ideas are expressed in a two hour movie by our favorite movie stars. Or in the daily TV schedule where we can see talk shows on everyday people who tell us how their lives are in emotional turmoil.

Either way you look at it, we are urged to take the easy way out for entertainment by spending that $5.25 on a movie ticket or by subscribing to the local cable programme.

But, it was only at the turn of the century that we started to depend on the world around us to supply us with amusement. So, what do you suppose that people did before these things were invented?

For hundreds of years people depended on themselves to create stories and to provide themselves with entertainment.

Now, you wonder, did they spend their free time? By reading. Yes, if books are created in our people's minds, yet books and other written literature, give us more room to create settings and characters by our own interpretations.

Books, and the ability to read, are one of the most essential ways of entertainment.

So, what could it be different, it just depends on what you want to do with it in your imagination.

I bought a book many years ago long ago that read: "A book is a present you can open and read again." This is my favorite quote because it holds true no matter what.

So, I imply all of you, to pick up a good book that pages your interest and read it whenever you get that extra time on your hands again.
Company searches for top pigsty
Milton Bradley conducts nationwide campaign
By Kathy Wryck
Managing Editor
Many dorm rooms mean fame and fortune for college students. Milton Bradley's Pass the Pig is searching for the biggest campus pigsty.
Pass the Pig, the game that uses pigs as dice, is sponsoring a national search for the biggest "pigsty" on college campuses.
The contest is open to college students across the country; entries must be nominated by their resident advisors. "Pass the Pig is extremely popular with college students. We really want them to have a lot of fun with the contest," explained Mark Morris, public relations manager for Milton Bradley.
The grand prize winner of the contest will receive $1,000, a professional room cleaning, an on-campus party for 100 of his/her closest friends and a Milton Bradley prize pack.
The nominator of the grand prize winner will receive $500. Additionally, winners will be chosen from each state and will receive Milton Bradley's National Piggy Search Award certificate.

Theatrical Company stages play in Norman
By Tanya Shepherd
News Editor
Stage Door Theatrical Company will present Neil Simon's smash hit comedy of both the Broadway and London stages, "Blithe Spirit" starting today until Nov. 5 in Norman under the direction of O. Dean Cline.
The plot tells of how novelist Charles Condomine invites into his home an eccentric lady medium in order to learn the language of the occult.
Little does Charles or his wife, Ruth, dream that the seance will summon back Charles' first wife, now "passed over" for seven years. But the lady from beyond, still very much alive, appears to torment Charles once again. Only Charles can see or hear her, though, as Ruth thinks her husband is growing mad, the ghastly first wife is plotting to be reunited with Charles.

"Blithe Spirit" will run Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 4-5 at 8 p.m. Oct. 30 and Nov. 5 at 2 p.m., and on Halloween night at 7 p.m.
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Lifestyles

Doctors visit not always needed

Editor's note: The following article appeared in the September issue of Vitality health magazine.

Before asking your doctor to check out a symptom or problem, ask yourself if the visit will help your condition.

The answer could save you time, aggravation and money.

"For many common complaints, a doctor can't do anything more than you could do for yourself at home," said R. Wita Curry Jr., M.D., professor and chairman of the department of community health and family medicine at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville.

But call your doctor if you're unsure whether a condition warrants an office visit. Curry says:

For best results: Call early in the day so the doctor has time to return your call, check your records and, if needed, phone in a prescription.

Ask for the doctor's name, who usually is trained to evaluate illness and offer advice for common problems. The nurse can help if the doctor calls you if necessary.

Save after-hours or weekend calls for real emergencies. Your doctor may not be on call, and the doctor you talk to may not know your history or have access to your medical records.

Don't hesitate to call if a symptom causes anxiety, such as: You're having blackouts, experiencing paralysis or loss of sensation in lips or arms, suffering sudden or severe shortness of breath or chest pain, coughing or vomiting blood, noticing blood in stools or urine, running a high fever, wheezing severely or having difficulty breathing. These are symptoms and problems you usually can manage without seeing a doctor: colds, coughs and flu. You may feel miserable, but a doctor can do little to help.

Use over-the-counter remedies to relieve symptoms, drink lots of liquids and get bed rest. But call your doctor if your fever lasts more than three days.

Urinary infections. A day or two of a cold-liquid diet and bed rest is usually sufficient for common nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. But call your doctor if the condition or fever persists or if there is bleeding.

Lower back pain. Painful muscle spasms usually resolve themselves after a couple of days of bed rest and over-the-counter pain medication such as aspirin, acetaminophen or ibuprofen. But call your doctor if the pain doesn't get better after two days, it gets worse or if you lose sensation or control in your lower body.

Sprains and muscle strains. Most can be handled by the RICE treatment: rest, ice, compression, and elevation. Stay off the injured limb, apply ice, compress it with an elastic bandage and elevate it when sitting or lying down.

But call your doctor if using the limb makes the pain significantly worse-it may be broken.

Minor burns. Burns that don't blister generally are best treated by applying ice wrapped in cloth and keeping the area cold until it doesn't hurt, which can take several hours.

But call your doctor if the burn causes more than a few little blisters.

Sunburn. Soak in cool bathwater. Aspirin may help relieve the discomfort. But call your doctor if swelling around the eyes make it difficult to see.

Cuts. Treat minor cuts by cleaning them with soap and water, drying them and applying pressure for five to ten minutes with a gauze pad or clean washcloth.

But call your doctor if blood is spurting instead of flowing; if there is damage to nerves or other underlying structures; if you haven't had a stasis due in the past five to ten years; or if the cut is in a place where you don't want a scar.

Call quickly if you need help. The patient is not severe after the first hour.

Hives. Most respond to over-the-counter antihistamines such as Benadryl. But call your doctor quickly if hives or any allergic reaction are accompanied by breathing or swelling around the face and neck.

Young Democrats open headquarters

By Sara Gann

Location: Miami, Florida

Members of the Young Democrats organization met with senatorial candidate Dave McCurdy recently while observing the opening of the Ottawa County Democratic Headquarters in downtown Miami.

Ottawa County Democrats presented Dave McCurdy with a $100 check. Among the questions asked by the visitors, the one most emphasized concerned welfare reform.

"Welfare recipients should be limited to two years, and no assistance should be given unless the person participates in job training," said McCurdy.

Young Democrats are open to all registration and will be involved in many activities throughout the election year.

On Nov. 8, election night, the club will have a watch party at the downtown headquarters.

Jennifer Kilpatrick serves as president of the club. She can be contacted by calling 542-9044.

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Final road game features Kilgore

By Chad Grubbs
Sports Editor

Head coach Mike Loyd's Golden Norse football team will put their 8-game winning streak on the line when they travel to Kilgore, Texas, Saturday, for a 6 p.m. contest with the Kilgore Rangers.

The Norsemen are 7-0 and ranked second in the nation. NEO experienced an open date last weekend.

The Norse will conclude the regular season Saturday, Nov. 3 by hosting Cisco, Texas in a 3 p.m. game.

The Rangers stand 5-2 on the year following a 32-10 loss to number one ranked Trinity Valley last weekend in Athens, Texas. NEO defeated the Rangers, 27-6, in 1992 at Robertson Field in the last meeting between the teams.

"I definitely think this will be a struggle. I think they are probably the best team we have played this year. They are better than Hutch and Coffeyville," said Loyd.

The Golden Norse head into the game averaging 199.1 yards per game in total offense. The defense is averaging 265.5 yards per game rushing and 134 yards are through the air.

Ben Ratz leads the Golden Norse at quarterback. He has completed 62 of 148 passes for 1,162 yards, seven touchdowns, with five interceptions. He has also scored four touchdowns rushing.

Behind Ratz in the backfield will be sophomore Carl Sanders at tailback and Zack Leonard in fullback.

Leonard leads the team in rushing with 471 yards and four touchdowns.

Sanders has gained 396 yards with two touchdowns.

Leading the receiving corps will be senior Chuckie Aiken. He will be joined by Steve Sayles of Owasso and work to overcome a hip injury.

Other receivers expected to play are Lamar Martin and Harold Jones who is back from a foot injury and Trayce Evans.

Aiken leads the team with 32 catches for 408 yards and two touchdowns.

Sayles has 10 catches for 278 yards and two TDs.

Veteran tight end Brandon Rader could be sidelined by a knee injury.

Sophomore Jeremy Banks will be the starting tight end if Rader can't go.

Freshman Jeremy Shadrick will start at left tackle and Mike Holden will be the right tackle.

At right guard will be freshman Darren Jones with sophomore Jeremiah Johnson at left guard.

Anchoring the offensive line at center will be freshman Brandan Brown.

"They have a strong defensive front with several talented people in their secondary. They are real strong at the linebacker position," Loyd said.

Kilgore is averaging 296 yards per game on defense. Including only 85 yards rushing per game.

Leading the way for the Rangers are defensive linemen Carl Edwards and David Al Von, a two-way starter for the Rangers.

Leading the NEO defense that will try to stop the Rangers Pro-1 offense are sophomore defensive ends Willie Hill and Egan Johnson.

Egan Johnson leads the team in quarterback sacks with seven for minus 29 yards and is second with 34 solo tackles and 23 assisted tackles.

Hill has four sacks with 21 solo tackles.

Sophomore Donnie Embry and sophomore Adam McKellips will start at tackles.

Embry has recorded 116 solo and four sacks.

McKellips has 14 unassisted tackles with one sack.

Vetervatives Greg Dohard, Anthony Randle and Damien O'kelie will start at linebackers.

Leading tackler Kevin Johnson is sidelined with an ankle injury.

Leading the way at cornerbacks are sophomores Ramone Burroughs and Angelo Cothar. Cothar leads the team with three interceptions.

Kwain Supermax and Steve Ridley will occupy the safety positions. Supermax leads the team with 10 pass deflections.

FOOTBALL TRAINING CORPS

Members of the Golden Norse training staff are, front row, from left: Justin Severs, freshman, Miami; Penny Butterfield, freshman, Wyandotte; Kenna Sutton, sophomore, Stilwell; Brian Underwood, sophomore, Tulsa, and Lance Post, freshman, Kingfisher. Back row, Cheyanne Enquist, sophomore, Wyandotte; Sean Cobb, sophomore, Miami, Brandon Russell, freshman, Healdton; Liz Wilkerson, freshman, Salina, Eric Crabtree, freshman, Poteau, Ark., and Mike Barlow, head trainer / ATC.

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Golden Norse return veterans

Cage season starts next week

By Chad Grubbs / Sports Editor

Hoping that five returning sophomores can provide some leadership, men's basketball coach Lennie Spencer hopes in it is the sophomores with eight freshmen.

"We are going to be a young team as far as game time goes, but we have three returning sophomores that know what it is like to play at this level," Spencer said.

Last year coach Spencer's Golden Norse finished the season with a 25-5 mark after being ranked number one for most of the final semester.

"I think one of our strengths is our team's work ethic. These guys have worked extremely hard and I think they really want to work hard and win," Spencer said.

Returning for the Norse are sophomores Jacob Smith, Seanc Reid, Brian Morgan and Chris Scott.

Sophomore Cody Hopson transferred to NEO from Independence (Kan.) Community College.

"I really expect big things from our sophomores. I think they are a definite team strength," said Spencer.

Scott (6-3, 183, Hopkins) was second on the team in scoring last season with a 19.3 point average per game. He was the team's leading rebounder with 259 rebounds for an average of 8.3 per game.

Red (6-4, 222, Trotwood, Ohio) saw plenty of action last season at the power forward spot. He averaged 66 points per game and 3.9 rebounds per outing while playing in all 31 games. Morgan (6-3, 209, Tulsa, Okla.) averaged 8 points and nine rebounds as a senior. He led Science Hill Academy to the State Championship. They were ranked 11th by USA TODAY.

Reid (6-4, 190, Houston, Tex.) is a walk-on who could see playing time at either guard spot. "Several of the freshmen fit the 2-3-4 well that we talked about," said Spencer.

Challenging for one of those spots are Mike Jones, Damon Jones, Anthony Davis, Sean Hampton, and Stefan Shackles.

Mike Jones (6-1, 200, Oklahoma City, Okla.) was the small school player of the year last season after averaging 10.9 points and 5.5 rebounds as a senior. He was named as one of the top 100 college prospects by Athlon magazine.

Shackles (6-4, 204, Louisville, Ky.) will also see playing time at both positions.

One weakness the Golden Norse will have is their lack of height. "One would think our height would be a weakness. But, I think we can and will be playing bigger than we actually are," said Spencer.

GOING TO SCHOOL

Returning sophomore Seanc Reid (45) takes Shawn Jones of Seminole Junior College to school as he drives the baseline for a basket during a game last season. Reid is one of five sophomores coming back from a team that won 24 games and reached the second in the Eastern Division of the II State Conference.

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